

Eleanor Troy Pippenger Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	State Archives of North Carolina
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Date [inclusive]	1735-1907
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Language	English

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Biographical/Historical note

Bladen County was formed in 1734 from New Hannover. The Cape Fear River divides the county running in a north to south line. In 1808 Columbus County was formed from Bladen and Brunswick. Ancestors of Eleanor Troy Pippenger lived Bladen and later Columbus County. One the earliest known family members in this collection, Dr. John Smith (1785-1851) bought and sold property along the Cape Fear River in Bladen. He was married to Ann Eliza Locke (1790-1850). Their youngest daughter, Maria Jane Smith (1828-1914) married Alexander J. Troy (1818-1881) and settled in Columbus County. The Troy Family continued to live and farm in Columbus County throughout the 19th century.

Collection Overview

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Collection Arrangement

Records are arranged in the following series: Land Grants; Indentures and Deeds; Miscellaneous Land and Court Records; Slave Deeds and Bills of Sale; Receipts and Notes; Correspondence; Columbus County Land Records; and Indenture [Virginia]. Chronologically therein

Administrative Information

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Related Collections

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See Bible Records of Troy-Smith Family, Bladen County. Donated by Eleanor Troy Pippenger.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Indentures

Geographic Name(s)

- Bladen County (N.C.)
- Brunswick County (N.C.)
- Cape Fear River (N.C.)
- Columbus County (N.C.)
- Elizabethtown (N.C.)
- New Hanover County (N.C.)

Personal Name(s)

- Baldwin, Cupit, Slave of Thomas Baldwin
- Dowell, Moses, Slave of Alex M. Dowell
- Gautier, Peter
- Locke, Ellick, Slave of Elizabeth Locke
- Locke, Mercury, Slave of Elizabeth Locke
- McRee, Robert
- Norman, Jeremiah
- Rowan, Matthew, (died 1769)
- Shipman, Daniel
- Smith, Fanny, Slave of John Smith
- Smith, Jemah, Slave of John Smith
- Smith, John, Dr.
- Smith, Lucinda, Slave of John Smith
- Smith, Sally, Slave of John Smith
- Smith, Sarah, Slave of John Smith
- Troy, Alexander J.

Subject(s)

- Land grants--North Carolina.
- Slave records--North Carolina--Bladen County
- Slave Records--North Carolina--Brunswick County

Sources

U.S. Census 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880; Bible Records of Troy-Smith Family

Land Grants,

Collection Inventory

Land Grants, ca. 1735-1838

Land grants are for acreage in Bladen County several of which are for land along the Cape Fear River.

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Land Grant, 1745

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Land Grant, 1782

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Land Grant, 1794

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Lands Grants, 1822

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Lands Grants, 1823

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Lands Grants, 1838

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Land Grant [fragments], ca. 1800's

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Land Grant [fragments], ca. 1735

Indentures and Deeds, 1740-1853

Indentures and deeds are for acreage in Bladen County many of which are for land along the Cape Fear River. A large portion of the indentures are for parcels of land located on Baker's Creek, originally part of a 640 acre land grant to John Green in 1735.

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1765 February 28, between Jeremiah Smith and Hugh Waddell both of Bladen County for 200 acres in Bladen County	
Indenture, 1773	16
Indentures, 1765-1790	17
1765, May 7, between Thomas Weir of Virginia and John Bryan of Bladen County for 220 acres in Bladen County	
1786, between Robert Daniel and wife, Amelia of Brunswick County and Daniel Shipman of Bladen County for a parcel of land in Bladen County	
1790, between Bartram Robeson and Elizabeth Haynes both of Bladen County for 320 acres on the Cape Fear River in Bladen County	

Indentures and Deeds,

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Indenture, 1791

1791, November 8, between Hugh Waddell and John Waddell of New Hanover County and Daniel Shipman of Bladen County for 200 acres in Bladen County

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Indentures, 1794-1799

1794, December 29, between Samuel Baker and William Hawthorn of Bladen County for 120 acres in Bladen County

1795, January 15, between Robert Baker, Samuel Baker, Penelope Baker of Bladen County and Samuel Gause of Bladen County for 296 acres in Bladen County

1795, September 21, between Samuel Baker and George Ware both of Bladen County for 104 acres in Bladen County

1796, June 28, between Samuel Baker and Robert Baker both of Bladen County for 120 acres in Bladen County [appears to be three separate copies]

1798, June 27, between Robert Baker and Ithamore Singletary both Bladen County for a parcel of land in Bladen County

1799. June 4, between Bartram Robeson and Jonathan Robeson, Executors of Thomas Robeson, decd. and Thomas Haynes, decd. [John Hanyes, son of Thomas Haynes] for 320 acres in Bladen County

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Indentures, 1800-1807

1800, May 28, between George Ware and Arch. White both of Bladen County for 104 acres in Bladen County [two separate copies]

Indentures and Deeds,

1803, February 25, between Samuel Gause and Peter William Gautier both of Bladen County for 296 acres in Bladen County

1804, August 3, between Musgrove Jones and Eliza and James Purdie and John McMillan all of Bladen County for 280 acres in Bladen County [two copies]

1807, December 28, between Ithamore Singletary and Robert Baker both of Bladen County for 120 acres in Bladen County

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Indentures, 1808-1816

1808, March 26, between Musgrove Jones and James Samuel Purdie both of Bladen County for 180 acres in Bladen County

1808 September 16, between Hugh White, William White, Alex White, Thomas White, Sarah White, Elizabeth White, Nepsey White and Peter Gautier all of Bladen County for 104 acres in Bladen County [four separate copies / two of the copies include earlier deeds for the same property]

1810 November 15, between Peter Gautier of Randolph County, Georgia and James McRee of Bladen County for 296 acres in Bladen County

1813 July 1, between James Knowles and James J. Cumming both of Bladen County for 200 acres in Bladen County

1814, May 27, between Robert McRee and Ann McRee and John Smith all of Bladen County for a parcel of land in Bladen County

1816 February 3, between Jeremiah Norman and wife, Mary Norman and John Smith all of Bladen County for a parcel of land in Bladen County

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Indentures, 1820-1823

Indentures and Deeds,

1820 October 16, between James McRee and John Smith both of Bladen County for a parcel of land in Bladen County

1820 October 23, Deed of Trust between James McRee and Thomas Brown and John Smith all of Bladen County for notes on land purchased by James McRee from John Smith

1822 May 6, between Thomas Brown and John Smith for a parcel of land in Bladen County

1823 June 2, between Griffith White, Sheriff for Bladen County and Jeremiah Norman of Bladen County for land previously owned by James McRee

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Indentures, 1825-1827

1825 June 8, between Jane Guthrie, Robert Johnston and his wife, Alice and John Smith a parcel of land in Bladen County

1825 July 22, between Robert Johnston and wife, Alice and Jane Guthrie for a parcel of land in Bladen County

1825 July 30, between Jane Guthrie and John Smith for 109 acres in Bladen County

1827 September 27, between Jeremiah Norman and Aquilla Norman both of Bladen County for parcel of land in Blade County

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Indentures, 1828-1829

1828, between Peter Gautier and John Smith for a parcel of land in Bladen County

1828 February 5, between Alexander Harvey, Sheriff of Bladen County and John Smith

1828 July 7, between Peter Gautier of Jackson County, Florida and John Smith of Bladen County for a parcel of land in Bladen County

Indentures and Deeds,

1828 September 15, between James Baldwin of Columbus County and John Smith of Bladen County for a parcel of land in Bladen County

1829 January 28, between Haynes Richardson and Samuel Richardson and John Smith all of Bladen County for a parcel of land in Bladen County

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Indentures, 1830-1836

1830 October 6, between James Baldwin of Columbus County and Daniel Shaw and his wife Penelope of Bladen County and John Smith of Bladen County

1833 November 26, between Henry George of Jasper County, Georgia and John Smith of Bladen County for 120 acres in Bladen County

1834, December 17, between George Cromartie, Guardian to G.J. White and John F. Barnes for 40 acres of land in Bladen County

1836 October 14, between Kenneth McLeod and Ann McCleod and John Smith for 280 acres in Bladen County

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Indentures, 1843-1853

1843 July 13, between William Cain (and children) and John Smith for a parcel of land in Bladen County

1845 December 19, between James White, Ann Eliza White, Mary Ann White, and William White and A.J. Troy all of Bladen County for 40 acres in Bladen County

1846 January 24, between A.J. Troy and John Smith both of Bladen County for 40 acres in Bladen County

1846 May 29, between A.J. Troy and J.B. Brown for a lot in the Town of Elizabeth in Bladen County

Misc. Land and Court Records,

1846 October 3, between John Bryan and James Melvin both of Bladen County for land in Bladen County

1853 May 9, between Samuel Berry and wife, Sophia of New Hannover and A.J. Troy of Bladen County for 54 acres in Bladen County

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Deeds, 1784, 1795

1784 May 19, Samuel Smith and Benjamin Cevnelle

1795 September 21, Samuel Baker to George Weir for 104 acres

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Deeds, 1826

1826 January 27, between Norman and Robert Baker for a piece of land in Bladen County

Misc. Land and Court Records, ca. 1736-1849

Miscellaneous land and court records are primarily from Bladen County. The will of Matthew Rowan, Royal Governor of North Carolina from 1753-1754, was filed in New Hanover County. Among the Georgia records are two power of attorney documents related to the land dispute case in this collection. The other two Georgia papers are indentures for land in Bladen County.

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Land Survey, 1754

Misc. Land and Court Records,

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Land Surveys, ca. 1736-1779

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Land Surveys, 1821-1841

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Land Surveys, 1853-1860

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Bond, 1779

1779 January 2, between William Hancock and Benjamin Parnel both of
Bladen County concerning 100 or 150 acres of land

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Judgment, 1791

Oversize

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Will of Matthew Rowan, 1760

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Will of Robert McRee, 1793

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Will Daniel Shipman, 1799

Misc. Land and Court Records,

Relationship to Troy family is undetermine; however, the name Shipman can be found in the Troy-Smith Bible records.

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Answer to Bill of Complaint, ca. 18--

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Order for Private Examination, 1818

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Award on the Valuation of Land, 1823

1823 August 18, names John Bryan, and Samuel Richardson (guardian to J. B. Purdie)

1823 August 18, Bond to abide by award on the valuation of land signed by John Bryan

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Obligation for Rent, 1827-1831

1827 November 7, lease agreement between Jane Guthrie and John Smith-Jane Guthrie to pay \$.25 for the cost of rent for the William McRee plantation

1829 February 11, lease agreement between Jane Guthrie and John Smith-Jane Guthrie to pay \$.25 for the cost of rent for the William McRee plantation

1831 April 13, lease agreement between Jane Guthrie and John Smith-Jane Guthrie to pay \$.25 for the cost of rent for the William McRee plantation

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Agreements, 1826, 1830

1826 January 27, between Robert Baker and Jeremiah Norman to relinquish claim of a strip of land bordering property

Misc. Land and Court Records,

1830 [copy of 1826 agreement]

Power of Attorney, 1830

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Ejectment Notice, 1847

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Spring Term 1847, fragments of notice to John Bryan

Court Summons, 1846-1849

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Agreement, 1848

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1848 September 2, Alexander J. Troy and James Barnhill to build house

Land Dispute Records, 1820-1841

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Jeremiah Norman vs. Peter W. Gautier, John Smith, John McRee, James McRee,
Margaret McRee, Jane McRee, and William McRee

Oversize

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Georgia Documents Relating to Bladen County, 1825, 1832

1825 June 25, Citing Dr. John Smith as power of attorney for Wiliam McRee of Monroe
County, Georgia.

Slaves Deeds and Bills of Sale,

1825 July, 18, Announcing John Smith as power of attorney for attorney for John Turner

1832 December 15, Indenture between Melton Benton, Jasper County, Georgia and Henry George of Jasper County for land in Bladen County, North Carolina

1832 December 18, Indenture between James Henry, Jasper County, Georgia and Henry George of Jasper County for land in Bladen County, North Carolina

Slaves Deeds and Bills of Sale, 1770-1830

Deeds of gift and bills of sales are for slaves in Bladen and Brunswick County. Two documents also include land or other property such as a house and boat.

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Deed of Gift of Slave (Cupit) and Land, Tomas Ellis to Thomas Baldwin, 1770

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Slave Bill of Sale (for 10 Slaves)-Brunswick County, 1803

1803 October 11, Ichary Berry to Mary Roots ten slaves for the sum of \$2,465

Slaves listed: Langa, Joe, Polladore, Angelica, Marcus, Phillida, young Ellick, Tom, Rosanna, Mercury

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Deed of Gift of Slaves (Ellick and Mercury), Mary Roots to Elizabeth Lock, post 1803

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Slave Bill of Sale, Jemah sold to John Smith from John Rufs, 1812

Receipts and Notes,

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Bill of Sale, Moses, sold to Alex M. Dowell from Griffith White, 1822

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Indenture for Stone House, Freight Boat, and Four Slaves (Sally and her three children), 1824, 1830

1829 August 4, Indenture between Isham Blake of Fayetteville in Cumberland County and John Smith of Bladen County for slaves named Sally, Lucindy, Sarah, Fanny, and one boy names Harry as well as the house in which Isham Blake does business on the Cape Fear River.

1830, Indenture between Isham Blake of the first part and Sam. Richardson and John Smith of the second part for a stone house on the Cape Fear River, a freight boat that runs between Wilmington and Fayetteville, four slaves named Sally and her three children, Lucinda (age 12), Sarah (8), Fanny (3).

Receipts and Notes, 1819-1878**Folder**

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Contains receipts for land and purchasing of goods and services. Notes are for land and personal property.

Correspondence, 1823-1878**Folder**

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1823 August 15, Spring Grove, Jeremiah Norman to M. McRee

1834 October 27, Wilmington, Wm. P. Hort[?] to Dr. John Smith, Bladen County

1838 January 18, John Smith to Thomas Smith

1838 January 5, Keitham, Bladen County to John Smith, Bakers Creek, Bladen County

1878 April 18, Columbus, North Carolina, Edward Troy to brother, Big Alley

Columbus County Land Records,

Columbus County Land Records, 1821-1907

Contains land records from Columbus County including indentures, deeds, and surveys. Many of the documents are for land being bought or sold to Alexander J. Troy.

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Indentures-Columbus County, North Carolina, 1821-1837

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Indentures-Columbus County, North Carolina, 1841-1881

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Deeds-Columbus County, North Carolina, 1845-1908

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Mortgage Deeds-Columbus County, 1874-1891

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Warranty Deed-Columbus County, 1899-1907

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Courses of Lands- belonging to Alexander J. Troy-Columbus County ca. 18

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Conveyance of Lease-Columbus County, 1853

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Land Survey-Columbus County, 1820

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Indenture [Virginia], 1773

Indenture [Virginia],

1752 November 13, between Thomas Love and wife, Sarah, Carteret County, North Carolina and Saamuel Buckstone, Carteret County, North Carolian for 300 of land in Princess Ann County, Virginia